

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2068**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Section 5002.8 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2068, as introduced, Portantino. Vehicles: license plates: legislative and congressional members.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive license plates for a motor vehicle owned by a current or retired Member of the California Legislature and a Member of the Congress of the United States and requires that the person pay additional fees in addition to the regular fees for an original registration or renewal of registration.

This bill would make the additional fees the same as the fees paid by an applicant for a personalized license plate. The bill would also make the Member subject to a transfer fee.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5002.8 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 5002.8. ~~Any distinctive~~ (a) (1) Distinctive license plate plates
- 4 issued for a motor vehicle owned by a current or retired Member
- 5 of the California Legislature, which ~~plate denotes~~ plates denote

1 that ~~such~~ *the* person is, or was, a Member of the Legislature, and  
2 ~~any distinctive~~ *distinctive* license ~~plate~~ *plates* issued for a vehicle  
3 owned by a Member of the Congress of the United States, which  
4 ~~plate denotes~~ *plates denote* that ~~such~~ *the* person is a Member of  
5 Congress, shall ~~require fees~~ *be subject to the regular fees for an*  
6 *original registration or renewal of registration.*

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8 (2) *In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or*  
9 *renewal of registration, the following special fees shall be paid*  
10 *applicant shall be charged the following additional fees:*

11 (a) ~~Twelve dollars (\$12) for the initial issuance of such special~~  
12 ~~plate.~~

13 (b) ~~Ten dollars (\$10) for the transfer of such plate to another~~  
14 ~~motor vehicle.~~

15 (b) *For an original registration, the applicant shall be charged*  
16 *the fee specified in subdivision (a) of Section 5106.*

17 (c) *For a renewal of registration, the applicant shall be charged*  
18 *the fee specified in subdivision (b) of Section 5106.*

19 (d) *When a Member or former Member of the California*  
20 *Legislature or a Member of the Congress of the United States who*  
21 *has been issued personalized license plates pursuant to this section*  
22 *applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another*  
23 *passenger vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, trailer, or*  
24 *semitrailer, a transfer fee in the amount specified pursuant to*  
25 *Section 5108 shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate*  
26 *fees.*